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Application Number	09/925,143
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First Named Inventor	Schock t al.
Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Patel, Nihir B
Attorney Docket Number	DATA 53CIP

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a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☒ Other Information Disclosure Statement submitted October 18, 2002

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.(IDS)-

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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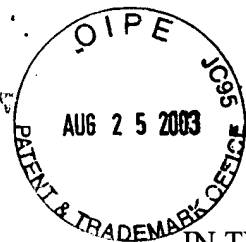
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In re Application of:)
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Serial Number: 09/925,143)
Filed: 08/09/01 : Group Art Unit: 3743
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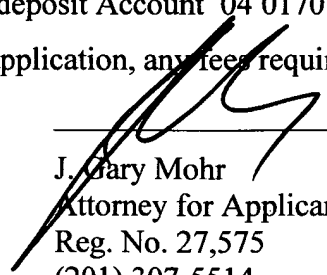
In conjunction with the filing of a continuation application, after the Office Action of February 26, 2003, regarding the above entitled invention, please amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the claims start on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 3 of this paper.

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